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SUBJ: ANTI-BRITISH DEMONSTRATIONS AT AKROTIRI SBA

1. WE HAVE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS OF 2130 HOURS LOCAL
FROM BRITISH SOURCES.

2. LATE THIS AFTERNOON CROWD OF EXTREMELY BELLIGERENT
GREEK CYPRIOTS ATTACKED OUTER CHECKPOINT OF AKROTIRI SBA,
THREW STONES AT BRITISH VEHICLES. GUARDS HELD OFF CHARGE,
WHICH FAILED. CROWD CHARGED BACK AND GUARDS USED CS GAS.
CROWD SPLIT INTO TWO PARTS, ONE STAYING AT CHECKPOINT,
OTHER MOVING PAST TO MAIN VEHICLE GATE.

3. UNITED NATIONS VEHICLE EXITING SBA HIT AND FATALLY
INJURED EIGHTEEN YEAR-OLD CYPRIOT GIRL. CROWD ATTACKED.
ONE OF UN OCCUPANTS WAS SEVERELY INJURED BY CROWD, AND
VEHICLE WAS BURNED.

4. OTHER BRITISH VEHICLES ON AKROTIRI-LIMASSOL ROAD
HAVE BEEN ATTACKED AND BURNED. LOSSES THUS FAR ARE:
THREE SEDANS, TWO EACH FOUR-TON TRUCKS, TWO EACH TEN-TON
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TRACTOR TRAILORS LOADED WITH BRITISH DEPENDENTS GEAR,

PLUS TWO LANDROVERS IN TROODOS (UNIDENTIFIED LOCATION)
DESTROYED BY FIRE. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO UN VEHICLE WE
BELIEVE.

5. CROWD OF APPROXIMATELY 200 PERSONS NOW CONTROLS INTER-
SECTION ON LIMASSOL ROAD NEAR NEW PORT. BRITISH ROYAL
SCOTS UNIT CONDUCTING "PEACEFUL OPERATION" TO CLEAR ROAD.
ANOTHER MILITARY PARTY ATTEMPTING TO CLEAR AKROTIRI GATE.

6. BRITISH HICOMMISSIONER HAS BEEN CALLED IN TO FOREIGN
MINISTRY. BRITISH ARE STILL PLANNING TO GO AHEAD WITH
AIRLIFT BEGINNING TOMORROW. THEY ARE EXPECTING VERY
STICKY SITUATION WHEN CYPRIOT IS BURIED AT LIMASSOL.
THEIR PRIMARY CONCERN, HOWEVER, IS KEEPING ROAD
BETWEEN REFUGEE AREA AND AKROTIRI AIRSTRIP OPEN,
SINCE THIS IS TRIP OF APPROXIMATELY TEN MILES THROUGH
OPEN COUNTRY WHICH COULD BE SUBJECT TO INTERFERENCE AT
NUMEROUS SPOTS.
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